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TO U.S.

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1. MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU DATUK AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT. 7 TO BRIEF NEWSMEN ON PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN'S FORTHCOMING TRIPS TO THE U.S. AND JAPAN. FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS ON PM'S U.S. VISIT, AS REPORTED BY BERNAMA (MALAYSIAN NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE).

2. BEGIN TEXT: DATUK HUSSEIN WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES AFTER HIS JAPAN TRIP, DEPARTING FOR HONOLULU (SEPT 23) ENROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE HE WILL SPEND TWO DAYS TO MEET INDUSTRIALISTS AND BANKERS AND EXPLAIN TO THEM MALAYSIA'S INVESTMENT POSSI-
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BILITIES. HE WILL THEN GO TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER FOCUSED ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN SAID THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE A "BUSINESS TRIP."

3. BESIDES EXPLAIING MALAYSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY TO

PRESIDENT CARTER, DATUK HUSSEIN WOULD ALSO BRIEF HIM ON THE RECENT ASEAN SUMMIT HERE. THE ASEAN-U.S. DIALOGUE NOW UNDERWAY IN MANILA WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS BILATERAL MATTERS SUCH AS IMPROVED ACCESS FOR MALAYSIAN COMMODITIES INTO THE U.S. MARKET AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

4. DATUK HUSSEIN WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MEET VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.

5. ON SEPT. 29 DATUK HUSSEIN AND HIS ENTOURAGE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL ADDRESS THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AND MEET SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS GATHERED THERE. HE WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE ASIA SOCIETY AND MEET LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS IN YET ANOTHER BID TO GET MORE AMERICAN INVESTMENTS HERE. DATUK HUSSEIN WILL LEAVE NEW YORK ON OCT. 4 AND MAKE A STOP-OVER IN LONDON EN ROUTE HOME. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN HERE ON OCT. 11. ACCOMPANYING DATUK HUSSEIN WILL BE TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK ZAKARIA ALI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT, TAN SRI THONG YAW HONG, AND SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM WISMA PUTRA (MFA)

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